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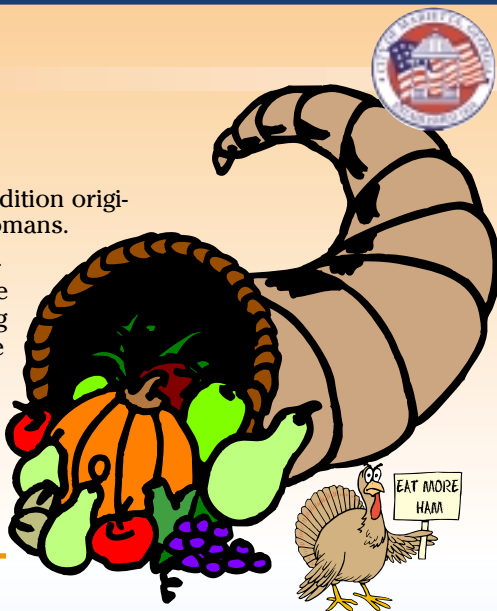


Turkey Tales Breaking Wishbones



- It's customary for the person who gets the larger piece of bone to say "lucky break," then make a silent wish.
- Some say the person who gets the short piece will be the first to marry.
- Let the wishbone dry before snapping it.
- In England, wishbones are called merry thoughts.

- The wishbone tradition originated with the Romans.
- Proper wishbone-snapping etiquette insists that placing your finger on the head of the bone for an advantage isn't polite. ⚡



Making the Water Grade

For those of you who may not have had the chance to read – or understand – the consumer confidence report Marietta Water released back in June, take a look at this primer of buzzwords and definitions. The document is like a report card the Environmental Protection Agency issues to every public-water supplier in the country. They regulate and test publicly consumed water for the following substances.

- **Fluoride:** Added to promote strong teeth but could also come from erosion of natural deposits or fertilizer discharge.
EPA's maximum level: 4 parts contaminate per million parts water
Detected in Marietta Water: 1.1
Well below the EPA's maximum level
- **Nitrate:** From runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks or sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
EPA's maximum level: 10 parts per million parts water
Detected in Marietta Water: 0.96
Well below the EPA's maximum level

- **THAAs (Total Haloacetic Acids):** By-products of drinking-water disinfection.
EPA's maximum level: 60 parts per billion parts water
Detected in Marietta Water: 55.9
Well below the EPA's maximum level
- **TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes):** By-products of drinking water disinfection.
EPA's maximum level: 80 parts per billion
Detected in Marietta Water: 54.8
Well below the EPA's maximum level
Remember, the EPA says there is no such thing as perfectly unadulterated drinking water. In fact, some people prefer mineral water because they feel it adds flavor. So what is Marietta Water's overall evaluation according to this data? It is perfectly safe and clean. For more information, contact the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or online at www.epa.gov/safewater. ⚡




Housing Help For Both YOUNG & Old

For many, growing older can mean isolation and deprivation of the relationships necessary for sustaining a healthy way of life. These problems often become worse if the need for assisted living should arise and people are taken from their homes, a familiar and comfortable place.

Helping Metro Atlanta's senior citizens age gracefully and comfortably has been the goal of Housemate Match for 18 years. Housemate Match pairs up single people – college students, professionals – with an independent individual, who is older than 60, to share the same household.


"It's a life-altering program," says Cobb County Housing Counselor Lynne Dyckman. "When I place a tenant in someone's home, it can change both parties' lives, such as a grandmother sharing a home with an international student. The young person gets a good place to live, and maybe even a surrogate grandmother, and the senior gets companionship and gets to remain in their own home longer."

Both parties go through rigorous screening. References are checked carefully, applicants are thoroughly interviewed, and the homes are inspected.

For details on Housemate Match, call Lynne Dyckman at 770-576-7526. 


Can You Catch Us Doing Something Good? Employee of The Quarter/Year Award

If you know of a City of Marietta/BLW employee who exemplifies an outstanding work ethic, demonstrates distinctive customer service, obviously enjoys their job, and is deserving of being nominated for the

Employee of the Quarter/Year Award, please call Patsy Bryan at 770-794-5440 or e-mail pbryan@city.marietta.ga.us to place your nomination. We encourage your participation! 

Give Marietta History Calendars and Cards This Holiday Season

The Marietta Museum of History has recently published a 2003 calendar and a series of note cards featuring historic photographs of Marietta. Some of these snapshots from the past have never been seen before!

Southern jams, jellies, and other edibles, as well as a variety of books and cookbooks, are also available in the gift shop. To order a custom gift basket or for details, call 770-528-0431. 



The calendars are \$15 and make a great gift.

Calendar of Events

Nov. 19 to Jan. 5

Sanders Family Christmas
Theatre in the Square
770-422-8369

Nov. 22 to Dec. 15

12th Annual Christmas Shoppe
Fine Arts Society of
Kennesaw
Community House,
Cherokee Street
770-419-0698

Through Nov. 23

Cheaper by the Dozen
Cobb Playhouse and Studio
770-565-3995

Through Dec. 1

A Streetcar Named Desire
Cobb Playhouse and Studio
770-565-3995

Dec. 5

Tree Lighting
5 p.m.
Glover Park, Marietta Square

Through Dec. 8

Chihuly Baskets
Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art
770-528-1444